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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Intelligence, United States Air Force

SUBJECT: Development of Bolo Point, Okinawa

1. The Foreign Broadcast Information Service of this Agency operates a radio monitoring station adjacent to an inactive Air Force runway at Bolo Point, Okinawa. In October 1952 the Office of the Director of Installations, USAF, informed FBIS of an Air Force plan for construction of a new runway at Bolo Point which envisaged complete relocation of the FBIS installation. Certain conditions providing for reconstruction of the FBIS station at Air Force expense at a location to be shared with an ACAN installation at Sobe, Okinawa, were set forth by this Agency and accepted by the Director of Installations, United States Air Force, [redacted] 25X1 dated 18 March 1953, a copy of which is enclosed. Subsequent informal liaison indicates that a definite decision on this project has not yet been made.

2. This Agency has deferred previously planned improvements in power and water supply facilities at its existing Bolo Point station in anticipation of an early move to Sobe. In the interest of efficient operation, if the monitoring station is to remain at its present location, prompt action will be necessary to tie into the Island power grid and to drill for water. On the other hand, if a move to Sobe is to be made, early construction of the new FBIS station, before activation of the adjacent ACAN station, is necessary in order to minimize inconvenience to the latter and possible interference with Army signal operations.

3. Information is therefore requested at the earliest possible date as to whether the Air Force will actually construct a new air strip at Bolo Point and relocate the FBIS installation to Sobe.

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